

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for defining a workflow process, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) collecting a plurality of data
  - (b) defining at least one data record based on said plurality of data;
  - (c) allocating said at least one defined data record to at least one data file; and
  - (d) organizing said at least one data file into at least one form.
2. The method of claim 1, and further comprising saving said at least one data record at a master center.
3. The method of claim 2, and further comprising saving said at least one data record at said master center as an XML representation.
4. The method of claim 1, said step of defining at least one data record based on said plurality of data further including controlling how said plurality of data is input using user interface data selection techniques.
5. The method of claim 1, and further comprising the step of saving said at least one data file at a master center.
6. The method of claim 5, and further comprising the step of saving said at least one data file at said master center as an XML representation of at least one form.
7. The method of claim 1, and further comprising the step of saving said at least one form at a master center.
8. The method of claim 7, and further comprising the step of saving said at least one form as at least one action object icon.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of outputting a representation of said at least one form.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of formatting said at least one form into a format defined by a group consisting of:

- (a) an end user; and
  - (b) a system analyst.
- 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of saving said at least one formatted form on said master center.
- 12. The method of claim 1, and further comprising the step of developing a user interface to be used in connection with said workflow process.
- 13. The method of claim 12, said step of developing said user interface to be used in connection with said workflow process including developing a web-based user interface.
- 14. The method of claim 13, and further comprising the step of programming said web-based user interface in a programming language that is different from a programming language used to program said at least one data record, said at least one data files, and said master center.
- 15. A method for creating a workflow process, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) accessing a business logic editor located on a master center;
  - (b) presenting at least two action object icons on a user interface;
  - (c) accessing a canvas screen;
  - (c) selecting a first of said at least two action object icons;
  - (d) moving said first of at least two action object icon to said canvas screen;
  - (e) defining properties for said first of at least two action object icons;
  - (f) moving a second of said at least two action object icons to said canvas screen;
  - (g) defining properties for said second of at least two action object icons;
  - (h) linking said at least two action object icons to create a workflow process; and
  - (i) defining form processing actions by setting action object icon properties for said at least two action object icons.
- 16. The method of claim 15, wherein said business logic editor is a thin client application.
- 17. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of accessing said master center using a web based user interface.
- 18. The method of claim 15, further comprising adjusting said workflow process to create

and display at least one page boundary, said at least one page boundary including at least one horizontal page or at least one vertical page.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising showing said page boundaries using at least one dotted line.

20. A method for executing a workflow process, said method comprising:

- (a) inputting a request to access a workflow process to a master center;
- (b) accessing said requested workflow process containing at least two action object icons;
- (c) executing a first action object icon of said workflow process;
- (d) saving said executed first action object icon on said master center;
- (e) determining a second action object icon of said workflow process;
- (f) executing a second action object icon of said workflow process;
- (g) saving said executed second action object icon on said master center; and
- (h) continuing to execute said action object icons of said workflow process until said workflow process is complete.

21. The method of claim 20, said steps of executing at least two action object icons of said workflow process further including accessing said at least two action object icons to review at least one form.

22. The method of claim 21, and further comprising the step of inputting data on said at least one form.

23. The method of claim 20, and further comprising the step of accessing said master center over a network using an end user.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein said end user is:

- (a) a client computer;
- (b) a user; or
- (c) said user and said client computer.

25. The method of claim 20, and further including inputting an HTTP request into a client

computer, said HTTP request being transmitted over a network to a master center;

26. A system for defining a workflow process, said system comprising:
  - (a) means for collecting a plurality of data;
  - (b) means for defining at least one data record based on said plurality of data;
  - (c) means for allocating said at least one defined data record to at least one data file;  
and
  - (d) means for organizing said at least one data file into at least one form.
27. A system for creating a workflow process, said system comprising:
  - (a) means for accessing a business logic editor located on a master center;
  - (b) means for presenting at least two action object icons on a user interface;
  - (c) means for accessing a canvas screen;
  - (c) means for selecting a first of said at least two action object icons;
  - (d) means for moving said first of at least two action object icon to said canvas screen;
  - (e) means for defining properties for said first of at least two action object icons;
  - (f) means for moving a second of said at least two action object icons to said canvas screen;
  - (g) means for defining properties for said second of at least two action object icons;  
and
  - (h) means for linking said at least two action object icons to create a workflow process.
28. A system for executing a workflow process, said system comprising:
  - (a) means for inputting a request to access a workflow process to a master center;
  - (b) means for accessing said requested workflow process containing at least two action object icons;
  - (c) means for executing a first action object icon of said workflow process;
  - (d) means for saving said executed first action object icon on said master center;
  - (e) means for determining a second action object icon of said workflow process;
  - (f) means for executing a second action object icon of said workflow process;

- (g) means for saving said executed second action object icon on said master center;  
and
  - (h) means for continuing to execute said action object icons of said workflow process until said workflow process is complete.
29. A method for creating a workflow process, said steps comprising:
- (a) receiving an HTTP request, said HTTP request being received from a network;
  - (b) providing access to a screen and at least two action object icons; and
  - (c) allowing at least two of said at least two action object icons to be moved to said screen and to be linked in a workflow process.
30. A system for performing a workflow process over a network, comprising:
- (a) means for receiving an HTTP request from an end user;
  - (b) means for accessing a workflow processes based on said HTTP request from said end user.